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FOR ARA/ECA FROM CHARGE

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SUBJ: MESSAGES FROM PRESIDENT STROESSNER

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1. SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
AND CHIEF OF STATE FOR CEREMONIAL AFFAIRS, AMBASSADOR  
CONRADO PAPPALARDO, WILL BE IN WASHINGTON DURING  
THE INAUGURAL PERIOD AND WILL ATTEND CERTAIN INAUGURAL  
EVENTS AS AN INVITED OBSERVER. HE HAS INFORMED ME  
THAT HE IS BEARING PERSONAL LETTERS FROM PRESIDENT  
STROESSNER TO PRESIDENT FORD, PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER,  
VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT MONDALE, AND SECRETARY OF  
STATE-DESIGNATE VANCE. INFORMAL TRANSLATIONS OF THE  
TEXTS, COPIES OF WHICH HE PROVIDED ME TODAY, FOLLOW:  
(A) UNDATED LETTER TO PRESIDENT FORD: QUOTE. I AM  
PARTICULARLY PLEASED TO WRITE YOU THIS LETTER, OF WHICH  
THE BEARER IS AMBASSADOR CONRADO PAPPALARDO, TO SEND YOU  
MY CORDIAL GREETINGS AND AT THE SAME TIME MY  
CONGRATULATIONS FOR THE INTENSIVE WORK YOU HAVE  
ACCOMPLISHED AS PRESIDENT OF THAT FRIENDLY NATION,  
WHICH MANDATE IS NOW ENDING.

IT IS PROPER TO EMPHASIZE THAT DURING THE EXERCISE  
OF YOUR HEAVY RESPONSIBILITIES AS LEADER OF THAT  
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GREAT NATION, PARAGUAYAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS REACHED  
A LEVEL NEVER BEFORE ACHIEVED, ESPECIALLY IN THE FIELD  
OF COOPERATION, THANKS TO WHICH THE NATIONAL EFFORT  
IN BEHALF OF OUR COUNTRY'S DEVELOPMENT ACHIEVED CON-  
CRETE AND MEASURABLE RESULTS.

THANKS TO THE IMPORTANCE WHICH YOU GAVE TO THE  
RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE

COUNTRIES OF THIS HEMISPHERE, AND IN PARTICULARY TO THE INTEREST AND ATTENTION GIVEN TO CLOSE TIES BETWEEN PARAGUAY AND THE UNITED STATES, IMPORTANT ADVANCES HAVE BEEN OBTAINED IN DEVELOPING COMMON PROGRAMS OF ACTION AIMED AT STRENGTHENING THE UNITY OF THE HEMISPHERE, AND THE CONSOLIDATION OF PEACE AND ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRESS OF THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE UP THE AMERICAN FAMILY.

FROM THE TIME OF YOUR INVESTITURE YOU HAVE BEEN AN AUTHENTIC STANDARD-BEARER FOR THE CAUSE OF AMERICAN BROTHERHOOD AND WITH RESPECT TO PARAGUAY, YOUR FRIENDLY AND COMPREHENSIVE TREATMENT REPRESENTS FOR ALL PARAGUAYANS AN UNFORGETABLE DEBT OF GRATITUDE. IT IS WITH EMOTION THAT I MENTION YOUR NABLE GESTURE TOWARDS HIM WHO IN LIFE WAS THE AMBASSADOR OF PARAGUAY TO YOUR GOVERNMENT, MR. MIGUEL SOLANO LOPEZ. HE WAS ALREADY GRAVELY ILL WHEN HE RECEIVED SPECIAL CONSIDERATION FROM YOUR EXCELLENCY; A SPECIAL AIRCRAFT WAS PLACED AT HIS DISPOSAL TO BRING HIM TO HIS HOMELAND, WHERE HE DIED A FEW WEEKS AGO. GESTURES OF THIS NATURE ENGAGE OUR RECOGNITION AND ENLARGE OUR APPRECIATION TOWARDS YOUR POWERFUL NATION.

IN EXPRESSING MY WISHES FOR YOUR PERSONAL GOOD FORTUNE AND SUCCESS IN YOUR FUTURE ACTIVITIES, I AM PLEASED TO RENEW THE SENTIMENTS OF MY UNSWERVING FRIENDSHIP AND PERSONAL AFFECTION. S/GENERAL OF THE ARMY ALFREDO STROESSNER, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF PARAGUAY. UNQUOTE.

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(B) LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER, DATED JANUARY 20, 1977. QUOTE. IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO AVAL MYSELF OF THE VISIT OF AMBASSADOR CONRADO PAPPALARDO TO SEND YOU, THROUGH THIS LETTER, THE WARMEST GREETINGS OF THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF PARAGUAY AT THE MOMENT IN WHICH YOU ASSUME THE PRESIDENCY OF THAT GREAT NATION, WHICH IS UNITED TO OURS BY SOLID TIES OF FRIENDSIIP SO DEAR TO THE HEARTS OF ALL PARAGUAYANS.

MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS FOR THE VICTORY YOU OBTAINED IN THE ELECTION WHICH WAS AN EXAMPLE OF FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY, AND WHICH EMBLAZONED YOUR NAME AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. IN ASSUMING THIS DELICATE RESPONSIBILITY YOU GIVE GREAT PROMISE OF HONORING YOUR PREDECESSORS WHO FORGED THE LEADERSHIP OF A FREE AND PROSPEROUS NATION AND WON FOR HER A PLACE OF HONOR IN THE WORLD CONCERT OF NATIONS.

WE ARE FULLY CONFIDENT THAT THE RELATIONS BETWEEN PARAGUAY AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

WHICH LATELY HAVE REACHED A DYNAMIC AND CONSTRUCTIVE RHYTHM,  
WILL INCREASE UNDER YOUR ADMINISTRATION, THE BETTER  
TO SERVE THE CAUSE OF PARAGUAYAN-AMERICAN BROTHERHOOD  
AND TO STRENGTHEN THE IDEALS OF SOLIDARITY FOR THE  
DEFENSE OF FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY.

IT IS MY WISH THAT YOUR PRESENCE IN THE WHITE  
HOUSE WILL BE CROWNED WITH THE MOST COMPLETE AND  
RESONANT SUCCESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNTRY WHICH IS  
THE LEADER OF THE DEMOCRATIC WORLD AND WITH WHICH MY COUNTRY IS  
IDENTIFIED THROUGH ITS FIRM POLICY OF REPUTIATING ANY SYSTEM  
WHICH DENIES THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF MAN AND CONDEMNS  
SOCIETY TO THE MOST ABJECT SLAVERY.

IN EXPRESSING MY HOPES FOR YOUR PERSONAL  
SUCCESS AND THE STEADY GROWTH OF THE PROSPERITY OF  
YOUR GREAT COUNTRY, I AM EXTREMELY GRATIFIED TO  
GREET YOU WITH THE EXPRESSION OF MY FRIENDSHIP AND  
PERSONAL ESTEEM. S/ GENERAL OF THE ARMY ALFREDO  
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STROESSNER, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF PARAGUAY.  
UNQUOTE.  
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FOR ARA/ECA FROM CHARGE

(C) LETTER TO VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE DATED JANUARY 20,  
1977: QUOTE. WITH SPECIAL PERSONAL SATISFACTION THIS  
LETTER, WHOSE BEARER IS AMBASSADOR CONRADO PAPPALARDO,  
BRINGS YOU MY MOST EFFUSIVE CONGRATULATIONS FOR

HAVING BEEN ELECTED BY THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO ACCOMPANY  
PRESIDENT JAMES EARL CARTER IN THE GOVERNANCE OF YOUR  
GREAT COUNTRY, THE LEADER OF WESTERN DEMOCRACY.

I AM INFORMED OF THE OUTSTANDING SERVICES YOU  
HAVE PERFORMED FOR YOUR NATION AS A PUBLIC OFFICIAL  
AND I WISH YOU THE BEST OF SUCCESS IN YOUR IMPORTANT AS  
WELL AS SENSITIVE ASSIGNMENTS.

IN THE NAME OF MY PEOPLE AND MYSELF, I WISH TO  
EXPRESS OUR STRONG DESIRE THAT IN THE NEW PERIOD OF THE  
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE  
SINCERE, CORDIAL, AND IMPARTIAL TREATMENT WHICH HAVE  
ALWAYS CHARACTERIZED THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR NATIONS,  
IF ANYTHING WILL BE RENEWED AND FURTHER STRENGTHENED.

IT IS APPROPRIATE ON THIS OCCASION TO GREET  
YOU WITH THE SENTIMENTS OF MY MOST CORDIAL FRIENDSHIP  
AND PERSONAL REGARD. S/ ALFREDO STROESSNER,  
GENERAL OF THE ARMY. UNQUOTE.

(D) LETTER DATED JANUARY 20, 1977 TO SECRETARY  
VANCE: QUOTE. I AM VERY PLEASED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE  
OF THE TRIP OF AMBASSADOR CONRADO PAPPALARDO TO SEND  
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YOU THROUGH THIS LETTER OF GREETING, MY MOST SINCERE  
WISHES FOR SUCCESS AT THIS TIME WHEN YOU ASSUME THE  
IMPORTANT POSITION OF SECRETARY OF STATE IN THE CABINET  
OF PRESIDENT JAMES EARL CARTER.

MY GOVERNMENT IS KEENLY INTERESTED IN THE COOPERATION  
OF THE USA AND IN TRADE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, AND  
STRONGLY DESIRES THAT THIS POLICY WILL IF ANYTHING  
BE GIVEN MORE EMPHASIS, IN THE NEW CONSTITUTIONAL  
PERIOD, WITH REGARD TO THE SOLIDARITY OF OUR VIEW OF COMMON  
OBJECTIVES ON JOINT ACTION PROGRAMS.

THE PROFOUND INTEREST WHICH THE NEW AMERICAN LEADERS  
HAVE DEMONSTRATED TOWARDS LATIN AMERICA IS THE BEST  
PROOF OF THEIR TRUE AND FIRM INTENTION TO INCREASE THE  
COOPERATION OF YOUR NATION WITH THE NATIONS OF THE  
WESTERN HEMISPHERE, KNOWING AS THEY DO THAT THE WAY THE  
FEEL TOWARDS THE AMERICAS WILL DETERMINE THE GRAND DESTINY OF  
THE CONTINENT. FOR NOW, MORE THAN EVER, THE AMERICAN  
CONTINENT SHOULD UNITE ITS EFFORTS AND ITS DETERMIN-  
TION TO FACE THE THREAT OF FOREIGN IDEOLOGIES WHICH  
SEEK TO DESTROY OUR CHRISTIAN AND DEMOCRATIC  
CIVILIZATION.

PARAGUAY, BOTH ITS PEOPLE AND ITS GOVERNMENT,  
REPUDIATE ANY AND ALL SYSTEMS WHICH DENY THE  
FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF MAN AND, IN THIS REGARD, WE  
HAVE STRUGGLED WITH SUCCESS NOT ONLY AGAINST ARMED  
AGGRESSION BUT ALSO AGAINST THE INFILTRATION OF AGENTS  
OF RETROGRESSION WHO SEEK TO SUBJUGATE OUR PEOPLE.

IN EXPRESSING MY BEST WISHES THAT YOUR TERM OF OFFICE WILL BRING POSITIVE BENEFITS FOR UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD, AND THE UNITY OF THE AMERICAN FAMILY, BASED ON THE IDEALS OF FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY, I AM PLEASED TO REITERATE MY SENTIMENTS OF FRIENDSHIP AND SPECIAL ESTEEM. S/ ALFREDO STROESSNER, GENERAL OF THE ARMY. UNQUOTE.

2. COPY OF ORIGINALS IN SPANISH POUCHED TO ARA/ECA  
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ON JANUARY 13.  
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